

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1232

Introduced by: Representatives Wick, Miles, Steele, and Weems and Senator McCracken

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a time for when absentee ballots may be
2 provided for all elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 12-19-3 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-19-3. Upon receiving an application for absentee ballots, the person in charge of an
6 election shall, within forty-eight hours, or if ballots are not then on hand, then within forty-eight
7 hours after receipt of the ballots, after confirming from the master registration file that the
8 applicant is registered as a voter pursuant to chapter 12-4, enclose one of each of the official
9 ballots, a set of instructions on absentee balloting, and an unsealed return envelope. All of the
10 enclosures shall be sealed in an envelope addressed to the applicant at the place stated in the
11 application. However, no absentee ballot may be given or mailed to any absentee voter more
12 than six weeks prior to the date of the election, unless the absentee ballot is being mailed to an
13 address in another state or country. If a registration form is received simultaneous with an
14 absentee ballot request and prior to the registration deadline, the absentee ballot provided shall
15 be based on the submitted registration form.

